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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
OF PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322 and §1.323

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

September 27, 1999

Sir:

1. Attached in duplicate is Form PTO-1050 (2 pages) with at least 1 copy being suitable for printing.

2. Applicants seek to correct three errors located within the recently-issued above-identified patent. A review of the identified errors follows:

As a result of prosecution, the allowed claims when the patent issued were 1-7, 9-29, 31-39 and 49-61.

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In particular, the Patent Office failed to change the some of the dependent claim numbers after re-numbering the allowed claims sequentially. As the issued patent currently stands, dependent claims 19, 28 and 36 do not link properly to their intended claims.

In the issued patent, claim 19 depends from itself. The correction submitted herewith makes the claim depend from claim 18 for correct antecedent basis. A review of the allowed claims shows that claim 19 of the issued patent corresponds the claim which is originally numbered claim 20. This claim depended from the claim immediately preceding it- allowed claim 19- which was rewritten as claim 18 in the issued patent. Applicant's request that --18-- be substituted therefor to correct the Patent Office's printing error.

The printed patent also shows claim 28 incorrectly depending from claim 17. The correction submitted herewith makes the claim depend from claim 27 for correct antecedent basis. In the originally numbered allowed claims, claim 29 (corresponding to claim 28 in the issued patent) was dependent on originally numbered claim 28 (corresponding to claim 27 in the issued patent). Applicant's request that --27-- be substituted therefor to correct the Patent Office's printing error.

The printed patent also shows claim 36 incorrectly depending from claim 15. The correction submitted herewith makes the claim depend from claim 18 for correct antecedent basis. See also originally numbered claim 38 (corresponding to claim 36 in the issued patent) which depends from originally numbered claim 19 (corresponding to claim 18 in the issued patent). Applicant's request that --18-- be substituted therefor to correct the Patent Office's printing error.

3. It is the Applicant's position that the above-identified errors are the result of Patent Office printing errors and not the result of the Applicant's actions. Therefore, no fee is believed due. However any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0217. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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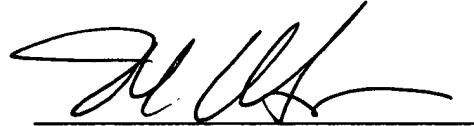
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